

10/577817!

IAP17 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 APR 2006

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EL915899837US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Shinya IWASAKI, et al.)
U.S. Appln. No.: not yet) Group: not yet assigned
assigned)
U.S. Filing Date: concurrently) Examiner: not yet assigned
herewith)
International Application No:)
PCT/JP2004/014191)
International Filing Date:)
28 September 2004) Our Ref.: B-5940PCT 623407-1
For: "SHUTTER CURTAIN LIFTING)
PREVENTION STRUCTURE)
IN SHUTTER DEVICE") Date: April 28, 2006

35 U.S.C. 119 CLAIM TO PRIORITY

MAIL STOP PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attn: United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

Prior PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/014191, designating the U.S., claims priority as follows:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
JP	30 October 2003	2003-369726
JP	29 January 2004	2004-022060
JP	07 June 2004	2004-168428

The certified copy has been filed in prior PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/014191.

Applicants hereby confirm that this claim for priority applies to the above-identified U.S. International stage application.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Popa
Reg. No. 43,010
Attorney for Applicant
LADAS & PARRY
5670 Wilshire Boulevard #2100
Los Angeles, California 90036
(323) 934-2300

BEST AVAILABLE COPY